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AN APPROXIMATELY 50-FOOT DIAMETER DISH ANTENNA IS NEWLY OBSERVED AT THE ASHKABAD SPACE TRACKING FACILITY, 37-53-20N 58-22-10E. THE ANTENNA, WHICH POSSIBLY HAS AN X-Y MOUNT, IS THE SAME APPROXIMATE SIZE AS THAT USED FOR COMMUNICATION IN THE MOLNIYA PROGRAM. THE ANTENNA WAS NOT EVIDENT IN OCTOBER 1969, ALTHOUGH PROBABLE COMPONENTS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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THE ASHKABAD SPACE TRACKING FACILITY IS BEING CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 3,000 FEET OF THE ASHABAD ORBITA FACILITY WHICH FURTHER SUGGESTS A SATELLITE COMMUNICATION FUNCTION FOR THE SPACE TRACKING FACILITY.

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